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- 1. DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FOR UPDATE ON REFUGEE PROGRAM RECEIVED AS EMBASSY PREPARING TELEGRAPHIC WRAP UP OF SITUATION, FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES UNHCR, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, INS PERSONNEL AUSTRALIA, CANADA, U.S., AND COUNSELOR MIGRATION/REFUGEE AFFAIRS U.S. MISSION, GENEVA. FOLLOWING DATA SUBMITTED FOR DEPARTMENT'S USE IN RESPONDING TO SENATOR KENNEDY. WRAP UP AND RECOMMENDATIONS WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTEL.
- 2. MEMBERS OF SUBJECT REFUGEE GROUP NOW AT ATHENS TOTAL 273 INDIVIDUALS. OF THIS NUMBER 128 HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY AUSTRALIA OR CANADA, AND WILL DEPART IN NEAR FUTURE WHEN FINAL PROCESSING COMPLETED. ANOTHER 43 HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY US/INS UNDER APPEAL PROCEDURES, AND ALSO WILL BE DEPARTING ATHENS IN NEAR FUTURE. THUS, AT PRESENT TIME THOSE NOT REPEAT NOT ACCEPTED BY ANY COUNTRY NUMBER 102 INDIVIDUALS.

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OF THIS GROUP 75 HAVE RELATIVES WITHIN U.S. (LATTER WERE GRANTED CONDITIONAL ENTRY AS REFUGEES EARLIER IN 1976). TWELVE MORE ARE AWAITING INS RESPONSE TO THEIR APPEALS. ANOTHER 15 HAVE BEEN REJECTED BY U.S., AUSTRALIA AND CANADA, OR HAVE REFUSED PRESENTATION TO ANY COUNTRY OTHER THAN U.S.

3. IN SUMMARY, OF THOSE REJECTED BY INS, 250 HAVE GONE OR WILL

GO TO AUSTRALIA OR CANADA, THREE HAVE DEPARTED FOR FRANCE, ONE FOR THE NETHERLANDS AND ONE PERSON RETURNED VOLUNTARILY TO LEBANON. THUS, THE REJECTEES PRESENTLY TOTAL APPROXIMATELY 102 INDIVIDUALS, OF WHOM 12 ARE AWAITING INS DECISION RE APPEAL OF EARLIER REFUSAL. KUBISCH

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